

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION
STATE OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,
NUMBER 04-53, ALAN C. TODD.


CASE NUMBER SCO4-1655

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

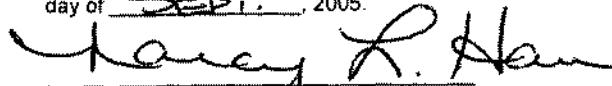
BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for the State of Florida, personally appeared
Karen Knox, who, after being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years.
2. I am a resident of the State of Florida.
3. On July 19, 2004, I wrote a letter on behalf of The Honorable Alan C. Todd, County Judge, in and for Orange County, Florida. What I indicated in my letter was true at that time, and is currently still true. Attached to this Affidavit is a copy of my July 19, 2004 letter.



Karen Knox

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by
_____, this 28
day of SEPT., 2005.



NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Florida at Large

My Commission expires: _____

Printed or Typed Name: _____

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Took Oath (☐) Yes (☐) No

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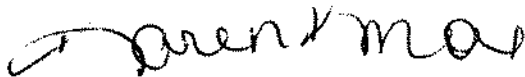
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July 19, 2004

To Whom It May Concern,

I worked with Judge Todd from January 2003 to October 2003 with no problems what so ever. He was and still is a wonderful person and Judge to work for. He never said anything or did anything to me that was inappropriate. He is a very caring person with a big heart.

Thank you,
Karen Knox

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen Knox". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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Via Facsimile

June 25, 2004

Chandler R. Muller, Esquire
P.O. Box 2128
Winter Park, FL 32790

Re: The Honorable Alan Todd.

Dear Mr. Muller:

I would like to take this opportunity to pass along some of my thoughts concerning Alan Todd. Judge Todd and I were Federal prosecutors in the same office in the early 1970's. I came to know him for his hard work, his dedication to his job as a prosecuting attorney and his unswerving fairness in dealing with the many issues he faced.

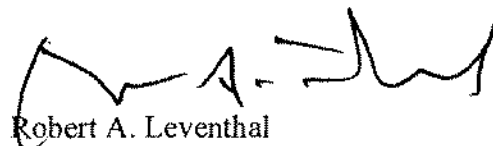
I can say without equivocation that he exhibited a rare blend of hard work, intelligence, and openness to everyone's views.

I have followed his career on the State bench and have appeared a number of times in his court. Over the years I have also had periodic direct contact with him. Those contacts were chance meetings at various functions which we both attended.

I can tell you that Alan Todd is the type of person who is uniquely suited to sit as a Judge for the State of Florida. He always listens to all sides of an issue and reaches decisions which are based on facts and the law rather than any personal views or beliefs he might hold.

If you need my personal appearance in the matter pending, I would be most agreeable to assist.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Leventhal

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Mark N. Longwell
J. David Gentle

June 25, 2004

Chandler R. Muller
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Winter Park, Florida 32790

RE: Alan Todd

Dear Mr. Muller:

This letter is to express my support, and provide my insight, regarding Judge Alan C. Todd's Conduct as a member of the judiciary.

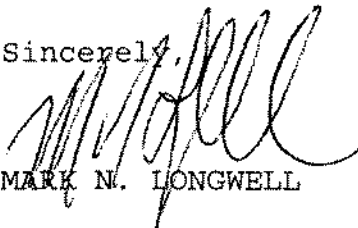
I have known Judge Todd since 1990, when I served as an Assistant State Attorney in his Courtroom for approximately one year. Since 1993, I have been practicing in Orlando as a privately retained criminal defense attorney, and have frequently appeared before Judge Todd.

It is without question that Judge Todd is a credit to the judiciary. He is impartial, unbiased and displays an excellent demeanor on the bench. His courtroom is appropriately open and friendly. All parties are treated with kindness, respect and fairness. Other Judges would do well to learn from him.

I am not alone in my opinions regarding Judge Todd. Anyone who is truly familiar with Judge Todd knows that he is an intelligent, caring and dedicated person, both on and off the bench.

Please contact me if I can provide you with any further information.

Sincerely,



MARK N. LONGWELL

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Mark N. Longwell
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September 29, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

I have read the Notice of Formal charges involving Judge Todd.

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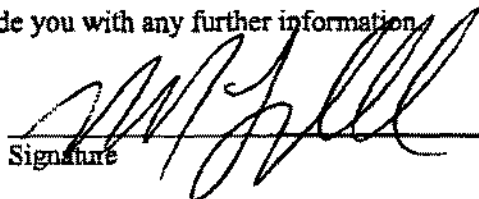
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Judge Todd and I have had many occasions to discuss social, political and legal matters since I have known him. He is a sensitive, intelligent and moral individual.

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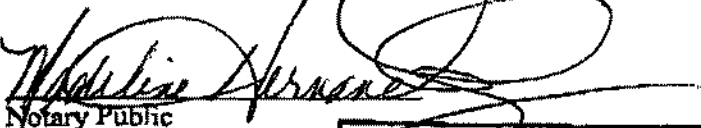
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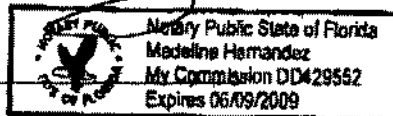

Signature _____ Date 9/30/05

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ORANGE

On the 29th day of September, 2005, before me personally appeared MARK N. LONGWELL, to me known to be the person(s) named herein and who executed the foregoing Statement and acknowledged to me that he voluntarily executed the same.


Notary Public

My term expires _____



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BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for the State of Florida, personally appeared
Wendell Kevin McBride, who, after being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years.

2. I am a resident of the State of Florida.

3. On or about September ²⁹27, 2005, I wrote a letter on behalf of The
Honorable Alan C. Todd, County Judge, in and for Orange County, Florida. What I
indicated in my letter was true at that time, and is currently still true. Attached to this
Affidavit is a copy of my September ²⁹27, 2005 letter.


Wendell Kevin McBride

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by
Wendell Kevin McBride, this 30th
day of September, 2005.



NOTARY PUBLIC-State of Florida at Large

My Commission expires: 6/27/09
Printed or Typed Name: CAROLYN THOMPSON
Personally Known () Produced ID. ()
Type of I.D. Produced: FL# M216-891-60-265-0
Took Oath () Yes () No



W. Kevin McBride
2141 Loch Lomond Dr.
Winter Park, Florida

September 29, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Alan C. Todd

I am writing to voice my support for Orange County Judge Alan C. Todd. When I was an Assistant State Attorney, it was my honor and pleasure to appear before Judge Todd. During my three and one-half years with the State Attorney's Office I was assigned exclusively to Judge Todd's division for a total of one year. Although Judge Todd issued rulings for and against my position in Court, I never felt that he was biased or unfair at any time.

In my experience, Judge Todd is an intelligent, caring, plain-spoken man of integrity and honor. I have known Judge Todd both on and off the bench. I have had the opportunity to have many personal and professional conversations with Judge Todd. During these conversations I have never known Judge Todd to be offensive or take any derogatory demeanor toward any person or group of persons.

Since appearing before Judge Todd I have had the opportunity to appear before many other judges. No other judge I have appeared before has more concern for the ends of justice and the rights of defendants than Judge Alan C. Todd. Judge Todd is a credit to the judiciary and Orange County is lucky to have him on the bench.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendell K. McBride', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wendell Kevin McBride

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STATE OF FLORIDA
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BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for the State of Florida, personally appeared
Dee McClendon, who, after being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

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2. I am a resident of the State of Florida.
3. On September 29, 2005, I wrote a letter on behalf of The Honorable Alan C. Todd, County Judge, in and for Orange County, Florida. What I indicated in my letter was true at that time, and is currently still true. Attached to this Affidavit is a copy of my September 29, 2005 letter.



SHARON S. YARBROUGH
MY COMMISSION # DD 369828
EXPIRES: December 8, 2008
Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services

Dee McClendon
Dee McClendon

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by
Dee McClendon, this 29th
day of Sept, 2005.

Sharon S. Yarbrough

NOTARY PUBLIC-State of Florida at Large
My Commission expires: 12/08/2008
Printed or Typed Name: Sharon S. Yarbrough
Personally Known (☒) Produced ID. (☐)
Type of I.D. Produced: _____
Took Oath (☐) Yes (☐) No

Letter of Support

I am writing this Letter of Support on behalf of Judge Alan C. Todd. I have known Judge Todd since 1996 both on a personal and professional level. I was his Judicial Assistant from July 1996 to January 2003. In that capacity I have had numerous occasions to come into contact with him. I have found him to be of exceptionally high character and temperament. Both of which are strong characteristics and qualities necessary for a sitting judge.

As a veteran of 20 years in the United State Navy, having the opportunity to work with many judges, I consider judge Todd to be of the highest caliber. He is sincere and he puts his heart into his work as a sitting judge. I would always tell him that he wears his heart on his sleeve. He truly listens to the case at hand and rules with an open mind toward the facts and the law.

I am not that familiar with the alleged charges in this case, but I am familiar with Judge Todd. In all the years that I worked for him, he has shown me nothing but respect.

I do not submit this letter of support lightly. As a veteran with 20 years of military service, I've had the opportunity to work for many military judges and Judge Todd is

only one in which I have the utmost respect for.

Sincerely,

Joe McCluskey
Joe McCluskey

LAW OFFICE OF
HUGH JAMES McDONNELL
ATTORNEY AT LAW

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TRIAL PRACTICE
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June 23, 2004

Chandler R. Muller, Esquire
Post Office Box 2128
Winter Park, Florida 32790

RE: The Honorable Alan C. Todd

Dear Mr. Muller:

It has been my pleasure to know Judge Todd for approximately twelve (12) years.

I first met Judge Todd while at the Office of the State Attorney in Orange County.

I have personally witnessed Judge Todd handle dozens, if not hundreds, of cases over the years and I am constantly surprised at his judicial. The patience and courtesy he shows each and every person standing before him is astounding!

I have found Judge Todd possesses a very friendly disposition, while still commanding respect in the Courtroom.

While listening to both sides of an argument, he approaches his cases from an objective standpoint, seeking a result that is in the long term best interest of all involved.

I think many lawyers consider it a benefit to practice before Judge Todd. He has an easygoing relaxed manner that comes from confidence and command of the law. He also has the fairness that comes from a good heart and strong dose of common sense.

On a personal level, Judge Todd has been one of the most generous sitting Judges I've known.

Only recently Judge Todd organized a retirement party for one of his Court Deputy's. Judge Todd made arrangements for the party to be held at the Winter Park Farmer's Market, and supplied food, drink and music.

Chandler R. Muller, Esquire
June 23, 2004
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I was one of approximately 200 to 300 guests in attendance. I can assure you the Deputy was absolutely floored by the thoughtfulness and generosity of Judge Todd.

The above is but one example of the Judge's generosity and kindness – there are many other acts that could be mentioned, from trying to organize a cruise ship vacation for a friend, to encouraging the attorney's having coffee in his chambers to buy cookies and candy for charity.

If there is anything more I can do, or you need to contact me regarding Judge Todd, please do not hesitate to do so.

Very truly yours,



Hugh James McDonnell

HJM/sl

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CASE NUMBER SC04-1655

AFFIDAVIT

My name is Catherine Medling and I am an attorney. I have read the Notice of Formal Charges in the above listed cause and I would like to take this opportunity to inform the Commission as to my observations of Judge Todd as a jurist. I have practiced Criminal Law in Central Florida since 1993 and have had many opportunities to appear in front of Judge Todd. I would estimate that I have appeared in his courtroom on over one hundred occasions. As such, I feel confident that my experiences with Judge Todd are typical of any attorney who appears in front of him.

I consider Judge Todd to be an excellent jurist. I find him to be fair, thoughtful, amiable, and above all, deeply concerned with the law as it applies to each individual and to the individual facts of each case. I would say that the quality that sets Judge Todd apart from other judges is his level of interest in each case and the attention that I have seen him pay to each and every defendant. Judge Todd will give everyone who appears in front of him the opportunity to be heard. More importantly, he really listens. He will listen not only to the attorneys, but to the defendants and witnesses as well. He asks questions and actually gives consideration to the answers. No case is "typical" to him, and at sentencing, I have seen him change his mind based on mitigating (and sometimes aggravating) evidence presented by a defendant or a witness.

I can honestly say that I have never seen Judge Todd act with malice towards anyone. It is always a pleasure to appear in his courtroom, because I know that I will be dealing with a professional and genial judge. Judge Todd is genuinely interested in people. He routinely calls attorneys up to the bench to see how they are doing or if anything new is going on in their lives. He does this to be cordial, and out of a real interest in a collegial atmosphere for his courtroom. Also, on numerous occasions, I have discussed cases with him and opposing counsel at the bench, or in chambers. Most of these discussions are off the record, but Judge Todd refrains from making any comments that might be inappropriate or disparaging, even on occasions where the conduct of a defendant or witness is beyond belief. On these occasions, Judge Todd's questions about the case might be blunt, but they are never rude. Furthermore, on many occasions, I have seen Judge Todd go out of his way to aid courtroom personnel in doing their jobs. If a clerk is running behind in generating court minutes, Judge Todd will call a recess to enable her to catch up, rather than run the risk of the documents being incorrect. He has also called brief recesses when the court deputies are short staffed so that they

may go downstairs to the holding cells to bring up inmates without having to clear the courtroom or wait for more courtroom personnel to be called. While many judges have been known to harangue their courtroom personnel if everything is not "just so," Judge Todd goes out of his way to make their jobs easier because he is a genuinely kind person.

Lastly, I would like to address what I have seen of Judge Todd's conduct toward women in his courtroom. As a woman attorney who has practiced since the early '90's, I have seen a variety of judicial attitudes towards women attorneys. Some judges are overtly critical, not believing that a woman is up to the rigors of trying serious criminal cases involving violence or violent defendants. Other judges have simply been patronizing. On one occasion involving a senior judge, I arrived to court wearing a red suit and was asked "And who is little Miss Red Riding Hood?" Judge Todd is neither critical nor patronizing. In fact, he treats me and the other women I have seen appear in front of him with professionalism and polite interest. I have never felt that he thinks any less of me because I am a woman and an attorney, nor that my clients are worse off because they have a woman representing them in front of Judge Todd. You may ask anyone who knows me; I am a firm believer in speaking my mind when I think that someone is discriminating against women. Judge Todd does not discriminate against women, nor does he demean women. He is fair and amiable with everyone, equally, and treats everyone with courtesy.

I hope that these comments enable you to better understand what a fine jurist we have in Judge Todd. His is one of the most pleasant courtrooms in which to appear. I have never encountered any hostility or seen any discourtesy in his courtroom. In fact, Judge Todd insists on courtesy in his courtroom more than any other judge that I know. He does not only insist on it for himself, but insists that everyone who appears in front of him be treated courteously. I respectfully request that this Commission consider these comments on behalf of Judge Todd.

Sincerely,
Catherine Medling
Florida Bar No.: 978086

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 30th day of September, 2005 by Catherine Medling who is personally know to me or has produced FL DA #M345-121-67-88-0 and who did take an oath, and after first being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that the information contained in the foregoing instrument is true and correct.

Carolyn Thompson
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:



Catherine Medling
CATHERINE MEDLING

The Sunshine State

SCORING ELEMENTS

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WINTER PARK, FL 32789-6204

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